



# PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(MBHB Case No. 00-1213; A-636B)

in re Application of:

Sarlis et al.

Serial No.: 09/724,583

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For: Nucleic Acids Encoding  
Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist-  
Related Proteins and Uses Thereof

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: P. Mertz

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information that the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

## United States Patents

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,372,892 B1, issued April 16, 2002.
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,365,726 B1, issued April 2, 2002.
3. U.S. Patent No. 6,339,141 B1, issued January 15, 2002.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art

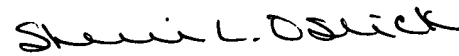
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The present Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 insofar as an Examiner might consider any of the cited documents important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.


Respectfully submitted,

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### U.S. PATENT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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	1.	6,372,892 B1	4/16/02	Ballinger			
	2.	6,365,726 B1	4/2/02	Ballinger			
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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